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REFS: A) DJIBOUTI 0434; B) ADDIS ABABA 1382

1. IN A STATEMENT ISSUED ON MARCH 28 AND PRINTED BY THE SOMALI NATIONAL NEWS AGENCY TODAY, THE SDR FOREIGN MINISTRY SPOKESMAN CHARACTERIZED THE ETHIOPIAN ACCUSATION OF A SOMALI DESIRE TO ANNEX DJIBOUTI AS "UNFOUNDED AND MENDACIOUS." THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT "THE SDR HAS ALWAYS BEEN STAUNCHLY SUPPORTING (THAT) DJIBOUTI ACHIEVE FULL INDEPENDENCE AND SOVEREIGNTY AND HAS MADE KNOWN SUCH A VIEW AT ALL INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES. PARTICULARLY AT THE UNO, THE OAU, THE ARAB LEAGUE, THE NON-ALIGNED NATION'S CONFERENCES AND AT ISLAMIC AND OTHER CONFERENCES." HE WENT ON TO SAY THAT "THE INDEPENDENCE OF DJIBOUTI HAS CONSISTENTLY
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BEEN OPPOSED BY SUCCESSIVE ABYSSINIAN REGIMES." AND THAT "HAVING FAILED IN ITS EFFORTS TO BLOCK DJIBOUTI'S INDEPENDENCE, THE ADDIS JUNTA "...HAS RESORTED TO THE NEW POLITICAL TACTIC OF FOMENTING INSTABILITY AND POLITICAL CHAOS IN THAT COUNTRY AND THE CREATION OF DISUNITY AMONG THE CITIZENS OF DJIBOUTI." HE FURTHER SAID THAT "...THE ADDIS REGIME IS PRESENTLY TRAINING AN ARMY OF MERCENARIES

WITH AN EYE TO CREATING POLITICAL CONFUSION IN
DJIBOUTI."

2. NO MENTION WAS MADE IN THIS STATEMENT OF THE MOOSE-SIAD
TALKS OR OF ANY U.S. INVOLVEMENT.
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